

POLITICAL MATTERS.

Interesting Reading About the Kentucky Campaign.

To listen to the republican speakers, one would think the republican party in Kentucky had originated the common school system, and were the only people that could be trusted to bring it to perfection. As every friend of education in the State, there is no law on the Statute book in regard to education that was not put there by Democratic Legislators and while Kentucky has not made the advancement in this respect that it should have, great progress is being made, and with the election of Governor McCreary, further improvement is sure to follow. The fact that we have better teachers who are paid better salaries, and that there are more schools in Kentucky than ever before, is all due to the re-organization of the public school system under the school board. This act was passed in 1906 by a Democratic Legislature, and was drawn by Mr. J. Sullivan, who is Governor McCreary's close personal friend, a member of his campaign committee. The Democratic party can be trusted to build upon this admirable foundation a noble superstructure that will place Kentucky where it belongs among the greatest educational States in the Union.

The best that O'Rear can do is to promise that if a Democratic Legislature does not follow his instructions, he will keep them in session at an expense of over \$1000 a day. Governor McCreary will be able to enact into law every plank in his platform, because his party will be in control of both houses and will not dare to violate the promises so sacredly made.

When you were looking over your tax polls for this year, don't get that the increase is due to republican administration at Frankfort, which has received O'Rear's hearty endorsement. The increase in the value of farm lands for assessment purposes in the last two years alone, has been over ninety-two million dollars. When Judge O'Rear was asked if he approved what the State Board of Equalization had done in placing this burden upon the shoulders of the farmers, he answered that they had done their duty under the law, and he endorsed their acts.

Senator Bradley has given Lillard, the bolting Democrat who help elect him, a certificate of character, besides providing him with a \$1200 office for four years. At Danville, where Lillard was indicted forty-five times by the grand jury for selling liquor in local-option territory, they do not share Bradley's high estimate. The only recent tribute paid Lillard in that community, was to hang him in effigy.

Governor Willson has spent three hundred days out of the State during his term of office. all the

time drawing his full salary, the Lieutenant Governor also being paid for doing his work. This does not include one hundred days more the Governor has spent in Louisville attending to his law practice, and ministering to his pleasure. Why take any more chances along that line? Judge O'Rear's platform approves every act of Willson's administration, and it logically follows that he endorses the Governor's joy-riding all over the country at the expense of the State.

It was a Democratic Legislature that passed the law giving the public schools of Kentucky 26 1/2 per cent. of the State levy instead of 22 cents, as it has formerly been. This accounts chiefly for the increase in salaries of teachers in Kentucky.

A vote under the rooster will be a vote for Henry Bosworth, that was a vote for the mountain section of Kentucky.

There is only one danger that the Democrats face, and that is overconfidence. To make Democratic success certain, it is absolutely necessary that the vote should be gotten out. Every County Chairman and every Precinct Committeeman is giving his personal time to this important work, and they should be aided by the individual Democrats. Take your neighbor to polls with you, and there will be no doubt that the Democrats will win a glorious victory. If only five Democrats in every precinct in the State remain away from the polls it will mean a difference of over 10 thousand votes. Republicans are active and determined, and are making desperate efforts to poll every vote. Vote early, and urge all your friends to do likewise.

Judge O'Rear accuses the Democrats of "waving the bloody shirt" because they have asked him if he approves Governor Willson's pardon of the murderers of Governor Goebel. Caleb Powers and Finley he cannot well condemn the pardon on the stump for O'Rear, and he cannot well condemn the pardons granted them by Governor Willson, for fear they will turn against him. It is all right for the Republicans to appeal to the Finley for their votes, but it is friends of Taylor, Powers, and all wrong for the Democrats, who mourn the assassination of Governor Goebel, to call attention to the significant fact.

Governor McCreary is closing the most remarkable Campaign in his long public career. He has not given his Republican opponent a moment's rest, but has mercilessly arraigned him and his party until they have been on the defense.

sive from the very beginning. Governor McCreary will end this contest in full mental and bodily vigor, and will give the State such a progressive administration that the Democracy will not be out of power again in twenty years.

On a Rampage.

The further Judge O'Rear goes the worse he gets. He has put his foot into his mouth so often during the campaign that the wonder is he has any teeth left. His latest break was in a speech at Muncieville where he stated that Percy Halsey had been brought before a grand jury, tried and convicted of publishing a libel on Noel Gaines. No such thing ever occurred, and the Lexington Leader, Louisville Herald and other republican papers are busy making corrections to keep from being sued for libel. Judge O'Rear, with sure defeat staring him in the face, has gone wild and newspapers that report his speeches are taking a big chance.

There is no doubt that Ex-Senator Jack Oliver, who is the Republican Candidate for Secretary of State, feels just as bitter as Judge O'Rear does on the subject of railroads. Oliver does not sleep with it under his pillow at night, and grieves when its provisions are neglected by the Legislature. In the meantime, Senator Jack blithely travels all over the State on railroad passes, and as he has made many trips with Judge O'Rear, that distinguished jurist must have personal information on the subject. Why does not Judge O'Rear begin his reforms at home, and convince the members of his own family, and his fellow candidates, that they should not engage in the discreditable practice of riding on railroad passes?

The burden of Judge O'Rear's song continues to be the "corrupt lobby." Early in the Campaign, he promised to single these men out, and name them so that the voters would know who had been bribing Legislators all these years. So far, however, he has not given a single name, nor has he related a single incident by which they could be identified. Is it possible that when he went over the list, he found the lobby made up principally of the men who are alleged to have spent sixty-five thousand dollars to elect Bradley to the United States Senate, and that this is the cause of his silence?

Judge J. A. Sullivan, of Richmond is doing valiant work for the Democracy on the stump. He is the author of the Sullivan school law which has given such impetus to education all over the State. Judge Sullivan is one of Governor McCreary's closest personal friends, and it is a labor of love for him to canvass the State in the interest of his neighbor and friend.

Judge O'Rear whispers to the farmers that he knows a way to get them twelve cents for their tobacco, and he has known the secret for several years. He has not told them why he did not take Governor Willson and Attorney General Breathitt into his confidence, and render this inestimable service to the tobacco growers. It would have put millions of dollars into the pockets of this oppressed class of our citizens, and it would have been a great Campaign card for O'Rear. A single performance of that kind would be worth a ten acre lot full of the promises that he is now making, if they will only elect him Governor.

One of the very first bills to be offered in the Legislature will be a direct primary bill. Several measures have already been prepared by Democratic Senators and Representatives, and the best of them will be chosen and enacted into law. Judge O'Rear can promise a primary law, but the Democrats have the votes, and they will give the people of the State what they want, and the best that Judge O'Rear can do will be to sit on the Court of Appeals bench and pass on its legality.

There is no getting around the fact that nineteen of the thirty-eight members that compose the Senate are Democrats, and that that body will be controlled by the Democrats for the next two years. No bill can become a law without their votes, and every one of these holdover Senators, and those to be chosen, are pledged to carry out the reforms promised by the Democratic platform. People who want the State to go forward, will support the Democratic ticket, because they can carry on their promises, whereas the Republicans will have no opportunity to do any one of the many things they are advocating.

LANGLEY'S BLUFF CALLED.

Chairman Vansant Invites Him to Look at the Books.

Rufus H. Vansant, chairman of the Democratic State Campaign Committee, in a statement issued late last night, accepted the challenge of John W. Langley, chairman of the Republican State Campaign Committee, to throw the light of publicity on all books and records of contributions and expenditures before the campaign. In his letter of acceptance Chairman Vansant says that the Democratic committee has not accepted any contribution from either the whisky or tobacco trust to help finance the campaign in behalf of Senator James B. McCreary and the other Democratic candidates, and that no effort has been made to purchase any newspaper in Kentucky to help conduct the fight in behalf of the party.

He says that the service of expert accountants suggested by Mr. Langley will be unnecessary, and invites Mr. Langley himself to come to the Democratic headquarters and look over the books.

His statement in full is as follows:

"Mr. John W. Langley, chairman of the Republican Campaign Committee, has addressed a card to the people of Kentucky in which he challenges the chairman of the Democratic State Campaign Committee to submit all books, papers and records to two expert, disinterested public accountants, who shall examine all the receipts and expenditures of the campaign fund and that said accountants shall certify the names of each contributor and the amount secured by them, and further, that the chairman of each Campaign Committee, Republican and Democratic, shall swear to the correctness of the records furnished them.

"I accept Mr. Langley's challenge and invitation. It will not be necessary for him or me to select an expert accountant to perform the service suggested. I hereby invite him to personally come to the Democratic headquarters, and pledge myself that all books records and papers showing contributions made to the campaign fund and disbursements of the same, shall be placed at his disposal. He can take as much time for the investigation as he can spare from his exacting duties, and when he completes the work he can report to the public the result of his investigation, and I will not require him to swear to its correctness.

"So far as contributions made to the Republican campaign fund are concerned, I have no interest in them. I do not care to select an expert accountant to go over Mr. Langley's books, nor do I wish to examine them myself, nor will I make any personal or other inquiry into the financial conduct of his campaign. I do not care if his campaign fund is \$100,000 or five times that amount. No sums that he can raise from contributions of Federal officeholders, or through the importunities of his friends, McCulloch, president of the Kentucky Distillers' Association, can defeat Gov. McCreary, and the Democratic ticket, for it is going to be elected by the votes of unpurchaseable citizens, and this does not include the 70,000 votes which his candidate, Judge O'Rear, says are for sale in old Kentucky.

"I want to say for the further enlightenment of Mr. Langley that neither myself, nor any member of the Campaign Committee, nor any candidate for office, nor any other person, for himself, or in our behalf, has not accepted, and none will accept one dollar from the Whisky Trust, the Tobacco Trust, or any other corporation or interest.

"I will add further, that we have not spent a dollar for the purchase of any newspaper, either Republican or Democratic, to espouse our cause.

"I want to say to the people of Kentucky that I have endeavored to conduct a clean, honorable fight, to the end that Democracy might succeed, and the State be redeemed from Republican misrule. I have been fair to every candidate; have made no attack upon private character; have countenanced no personal abuse, and have appealed only to the intelligence and conscience of the voters. I have no apologies to offer for my course. I have done my duty for the people and the party and the white light of investigation has no terrors for me.

R. H. VANSANT,
Chairman."

While Judge O'Rear is harping on the evils of riding on railroad passes, his family continues to

ride on them, and Judge O'Rear dares not deny that this is true. If you will ask certain railroads to furnish copies of the passes issued to his family during his term as Judge of the Court of Appeals, the response will prove his insincerity, and startle the people of the State, some of whom believe that he means what he says.

Mr. Green is an ideal man for Clerk of the Court of Appeals. His long service in that office has made him proficient in that important work. The people of the State have all found Bob Green courteous and accommodating, and irrespective of party they wish him well. Mr. Green is not a public speaker, but he is doing splendid work for the ticket among his wide acquaintance, and his personal popularity will bring many votes to the cause.

"The corrupt lobby" which O'Rear assails, is the identical lobby that secured four bolting Democrats to vote for W. O. Bradley and elect him to the United States Senate. The beneficiary of this fraud upon the people is morally as guilty as the corruptionists that perpetrated it, and yet, Judge O'Rear proclaims Bradley the "greatest living Kentuckian," and assures the Temperance people whose bitter enemy Bradley has always been, that his title as Senator is "without flaw or stain."

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ORDERS: Lawrence County Court, Sept. Term 18th day of Sept. 1911.

Whereas the required number of voters and more (to-wit 26) have this day August 30, 1911, filed in open Court their petition asking that the question be submitted to the voters of Dry Fork voting district No. 2, Lawrence county, as to whether or not a shall run at large, (hogs and ed) in said voting precinct whereas said petitioners hand ers of said district deposited this Court sufficient money to fray the expenses of said election it is therefore ordered that election officers of said voting district shall at the next regular election held therein (in not less than 60 days from August 1911) open a poll for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the voters of said district upon that question.

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